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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: IS "A SOLUTION SHAPING UP" IN ZIMBABWE?

1. "THE FIRST MOVES THAT HAVE FOLLOWED PRESIDENT CARTER'S STATEMENT"

OF THE U.S. AFRICAN COMMITMENTS "IN LAGOS AND MONROVIA CLEARLY INDICATE THAT THE PRESIDENT HAS BEEN REALISTIC IN HIS ACTION ALTHOUGH IT IS STILL TOO EARLY TO DRAW A CONCLUSION ON THIS WELL THOUGHT OUR POLICY", ACCORDING TO ASSISTANT EDITOR KITAMBALA KULUBITCH IN A FRONT PAGE EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA DAILY SALONGO APRIL 18. "FOR AFRICAN DIPLOMATS", MR. KITAMBALA CONTINUES, "I AM SMITH'S STUBBORN DETERMINATION NOT TO YIELD TO ANY PRESSURE WAS NOT A PROBLEM THAT COULD BE SETTLED ALL AT ONCE, AND PRESIDENT CARTER'S LAGOS POLICY STATEMENT CAME AS AN IMPORTANT TEST FOR U.S. WILLINGNESS TO FIND AN ACCEPTABLE SOLUTION TO THIS DISPUTE".

2. EDITOR KITAMBALA SAYS THAT THE U.S. POSITION, AS SPELLED OUT BY PRESIDENT CARTER DURING THE LAGOS ADDRESS, HAS CALLED FOR CONCRETE ACTION. HE SUPPORTS HIS POINT BY NOTING THAT SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE AND BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY OWEN -- CONTINUING THEIR CURRENT SOUTHERN AFRICAN TOUR -- ARE NOW IN SALISBURY FOR TALKS" WITH THE RHODESIAN EXECUTIVE COUNCIL "ON UNCLASSIFIED

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CONVENING A CONFERENCE INVOLVING ALL THE PARTIES TO THE RHODESIAN CONFLICT".

3. WE "HOPE THAT EACH PARTY WILL SOFTEN ITS POSITION DURING THE PRELIMINARY TALKS SO THAT, THROUGH THE NEW CONERENCE, IF IT TAKES PLACE, ALL THE PARTIES COULD GUARANTEE A GOOD FUTURE FOR THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE, AND NOT TO PUT THEM THROUGH

UNFORTUNATE REALITIES THAT CERTAIN PARTS OF AFRICA HAVE BEEN  
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